Grammar Quiz: Present Continuous Tense

Secondary School Level • English Language Practice

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PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the best option (A, B, C, or D) to complete each sentence.

1. Listen! Someone _____ at the front door.

A) knocks
B) is knocking
C) knock
D) are knocking

2. Why _____ you _____ your homework right now?

A) are / not doing
B) do / not do
C) is / not doing
D) did / not do

3. They _____ for their end-of-term exams this week.

A) study
B) is studying
C) are studying
D) studied

4. Look at that dog! It _____ across the street.

A) runs
B) is running
C) are running
D) running

5. I can't talk right now because I _____ dinner.

A) cook
B) am cooking
C) cooking
D) is cooking

PART 2: FILL IN THE BLANKS

Complete the sentences using the correct Present Continuous form of the verb in brackets.

1. Be quiet! The baby _____ (sleep).

2. We _____ (not / go) to the cinema tonight; we're staying home.

3. What _____ you _____ (watch) on TV right now?

4. Look outside! It _____ (rain) heavily.

5. My brother _____ (learn) how to drive this month.

PART 3: SPOT & CORRECT THE MISTAKE

Find the grammatical error in each sentence and write the corrected version on the line below.

1. "She is believing everything he says."

2. "We are play football in the park at the moment."

3. "They doesn't listening to the teacher right now."

Teacher's Answer Key & Explanations

Present Continuous Tense Worksheet

PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWERS

1. B) is knocking

Triggered by "Listen!" — indicates an action happening at the exact moment of speaking.

2. A) are / not doing

Question form in Present Continuous: [Question word] + [be] + [subject] + [not] + [v-ing].

3. C) are studying

Describes a temporary situation or action happening around now ("this week").

4. B) is running

Spelling rule: CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) monosyllabic verb doubles the final consonant (run → running).

5. B) am cooking

First-person singular subject pronoun "I" requires "am" + verb-ing.

PART 2: FILL IN THE BLANKS ANSWERS

1. is sleeping • Singular subject ("The baby") + is + verb-ing.

2. are not going *(or **aren't going**)* • Plural subject ("We") + are not + verb-ing.

3. are / watching • Question structure with subject "you".

4. is raining • Uncountable/impersonal subject "It" + is + verb-ing.

5. is learning • Singular subject ("My brother") + is + verb-ing.

PART 3: SPOT & CORRECT ANSWERS

1. She believes everything he says.

Rule: "Believe" is a stative verb expressing a state of mind/belief and is not used in continuous forms.

2. We are playing football in the park at the moment.

Rule: Continuous forms always require the main verb to take the `-ing` suffix (*playing*, not *play*).

3. They aren't listening to the teacher right now.

Rule: Negative Present Continuous uses auxiliary *be + not* (*aren't / are not*), never *doesn't/don't*.